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Mr. William Caton Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Ex Parte Communication in Docket 96-98

Dear Mr. Caton:

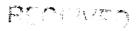
Enclosed are copies of letters sent by Mr. Bernard J. Ebbers, President of WorldCom, Inc., to Chairman Hundt, Commissioner Quello, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Ness and Common Carrier Bureau Chief Keeney. The substance of each letter is identical.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Affairs

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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong Commissioner Federal Communications Commission Room 844, Stop Code 0105 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

Last month, I spent two days in meetings at the FCC because the pending interconnection proceeding is so important to WorldCom and to the future of telecommunications competition. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you while I was in town.

The interconnection proceeding will mean the difference between success or failure in reaching the goals set out by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. WorldCom already owns and operates one of the four nationwide telecommunications networks. We are committed to continuing our investment in the nation's telecommunications infrastructure. Over this year and next, WorldCom is spending an additional \$1.6 billion to expand and upgrade its network.

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Thank you again for your time. If there is anything more that I can do to assist your deliberations, please let me know.

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Ms. Regina Keeney Chief, Common Carrier Bureau Federal Communications Commission Room 500, Stop Code 1600 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Keeney:

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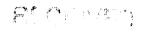
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The Honorable James Quello Commissioner Federal Communications Commission Room 802, Stop Code 0106 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

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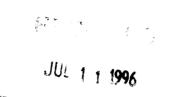
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Federal Communications Commission
Room 814, Stop Code 0101
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## Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Honorable Reed Hundt

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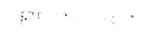
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**Dear Commissioner Ness:** 

The Honorable Susan Ness

Room 832, Stop Code 0104

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